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JOHN AND MARTHA DANIELS

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29 plates

Very Rare

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at the Swann Gallery
Sale # 1415 10/23/86

Abel Chapman's copy with his bookplate.

[Joseph Grawhall]

note - many of the
picture captions were
missing in this copy. They
have now been filled in, in
pencil, based on the captions
in the Joseph Grawhall, Jr.
copy in my possession.
(J.H.D.)

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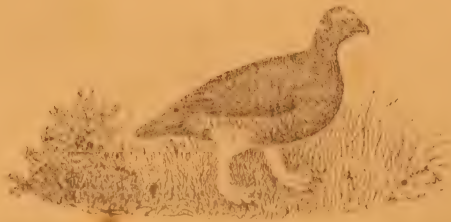
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PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

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MR GOREDER'S
Prose Preface to his Practical Preceptor
OR
GROUSE SHOOTING made QUITE EASY
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*Good Wine with a sage Proverb needs no high.
Why then should a Good Book require a Preface?*

*I know not, unless the Kings Lices have generally
a thirst for the One but often want a Whet to give
them an appetite for the Other.*

*Without murder ranging over so barren a field
of speculation or trespassing on preserved Ground
as the best Writers make a point of the practice, a
Starveling Author, like a thorough bred Dog, in-
stead of blinking a bird abouting the best
should take heed and back well, kept besprung
the Game before his Readers are on Full Cock,*

or like Johnny Green, pull the trigger without having observed the preliminary of Priming his Piece.

I shall therefore follow the Secret, and quarter my ground in the old style and as Grand-Master of the Reels, usher my Guests thro' the vestibule of a Preface to the Hall prepared for their entertainment. I hope they will find the Game dressed to their liking.

Having remarked with concern the utter insufficiency of Hawker, Daniel, Thomas, Scott, and other Quack Writers, on the Science of Shooting, who abound with errors from the make of their Guns to the cut of their Gaiters, and are no better bred than their own Dogs. I thought it would neither be unacceptable to veteran lovers of the Sport, nor useless (as my friend Doctor Popgun terms it) to the Junior branches of the Profession, to present them with the experience of Fifty Seasons mel-
lowed by a Thousand Gallons of Whiskey, the best Shoeing horn to a dead Shot, the only Priming that never flashes in the Pan.

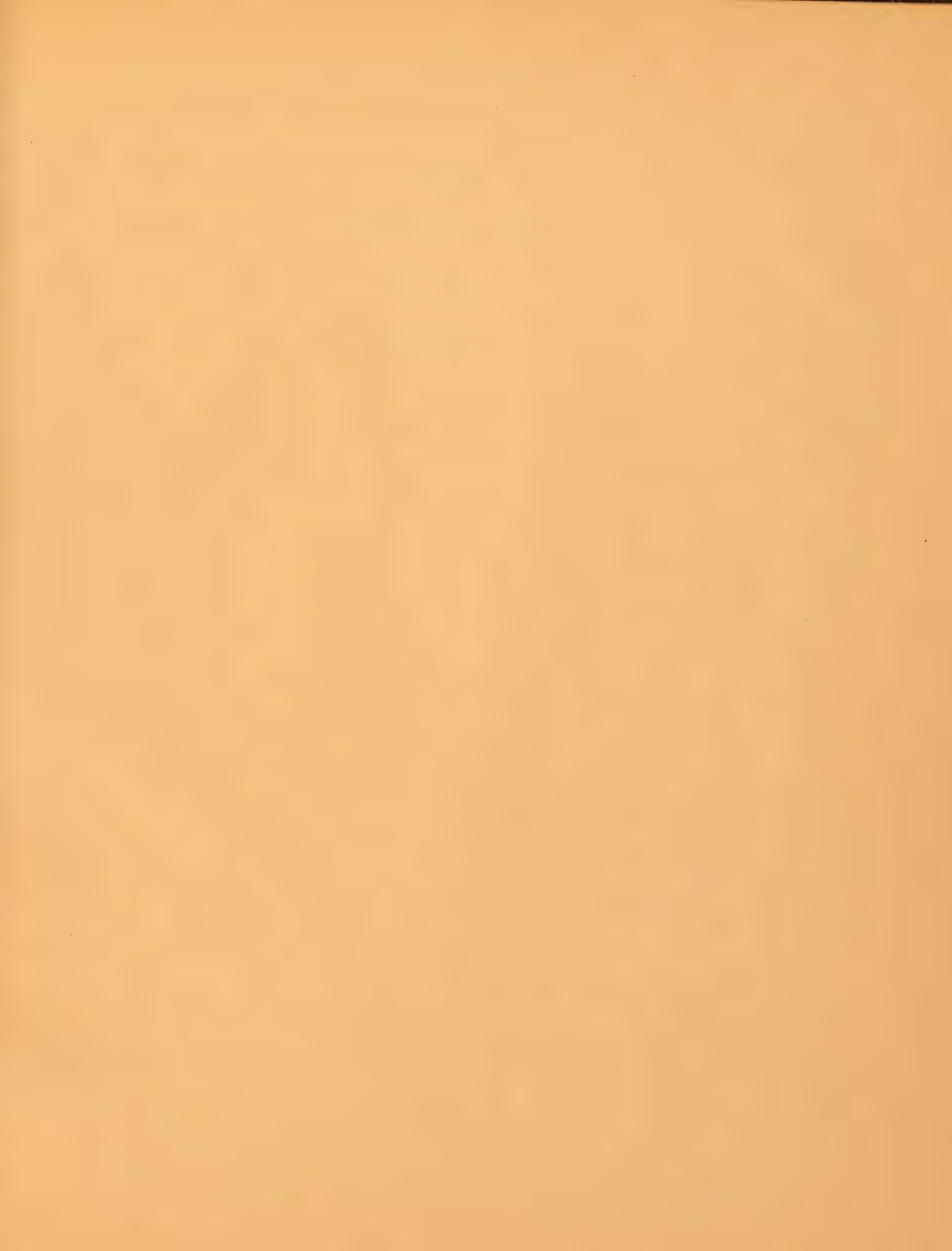
Practice it is said is more powerful than Precept

I shall therefore embody my precepts and practically illustrate my discoveries in a series of designs, a picture language, which thanks to a most able Artist, will furnish the Student with text and comment, precept & example at one view, to the unspeakable advancement of the Science, and the great glory of the British Nation.

This therefore is the plan of the present Work, undoubtedly the most original which this Century has produced.

Every Sportsman has experienced that the first Question which either greets or confounds him on his return home is "Well! what have you Shot?" and the answer "Twenty Brace" or "Only a Bird" either establishes his fame, or ruins his reputation with the Querist. Success therefore is the test of Merit.

This then is my simple yet comprehensive principle the fundamental feature on which the whole work hinges, as a legitimate Minister, and in last Shot either, once remarked. This important point

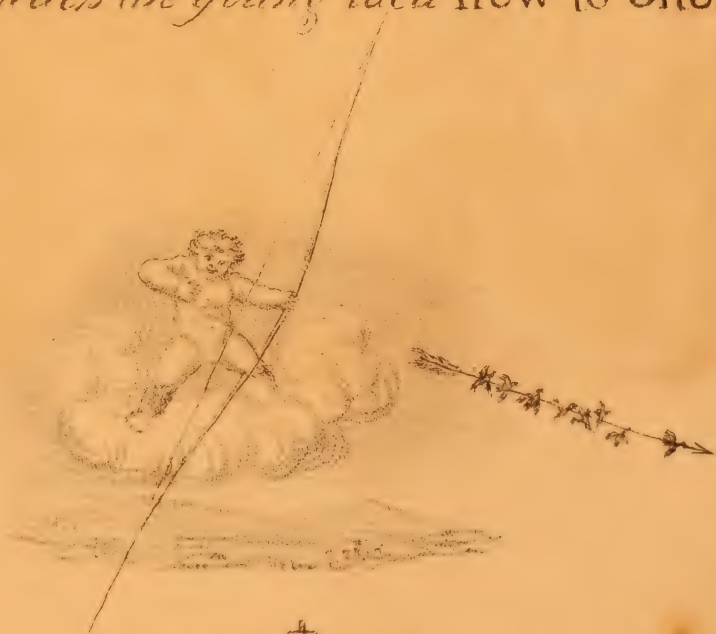


is therefore illustrated by a number of examples
and assisted by divers cunning devices
particularly in plate which shows how to
kill your bird quite dead (as an Irishman
would say) for want of which I have known
a bird get away, even after having been bagged.
I would also direct the student's attention to
plate and above all to Number, which
as a final resource for filling an empty bag
at the close of the day, must be considered
as a Master-piece of Dexterity. Numbers
may be further consulted as
materially contributing to the great end
and aim of all Lads of the Trigger, viz:
Filling your Bag, the glory of the Sports-
man, the envy of Peacocks, the Despair
of Tailors, and the Admiration of
the World.

Such is the "Consummation devoutly to
be wished for" which I flatter myself the

superiority of the Plan and the simplicity
yet soundness of the Principle laid down
and observed in the present publication,
will advance and insure; so that in witnessing
the success of my pupils, the rising
generation, I may exclaim with the Poet.

Delightful task to rear the tender thought,
And teach the young idea How to Shoot!



Killhope  Aug^t 1827





How to PREPARE FOR YE GREAT DAY





Take your ground early that you may see to get a good shot



Carry your gun horizontal - if the shot goes out
your servant may catch it.



Self-portrait of the artist, 1840.







Have your dogs well trained.



When taking aim - cover your bird.



When you happen to be in a place
— as this is — it goes on.



Can't you be cocked if the gun off? ...
- may possibly hit something.



give a Fair chance to any young Bird you pick up.
by letting it Fly.

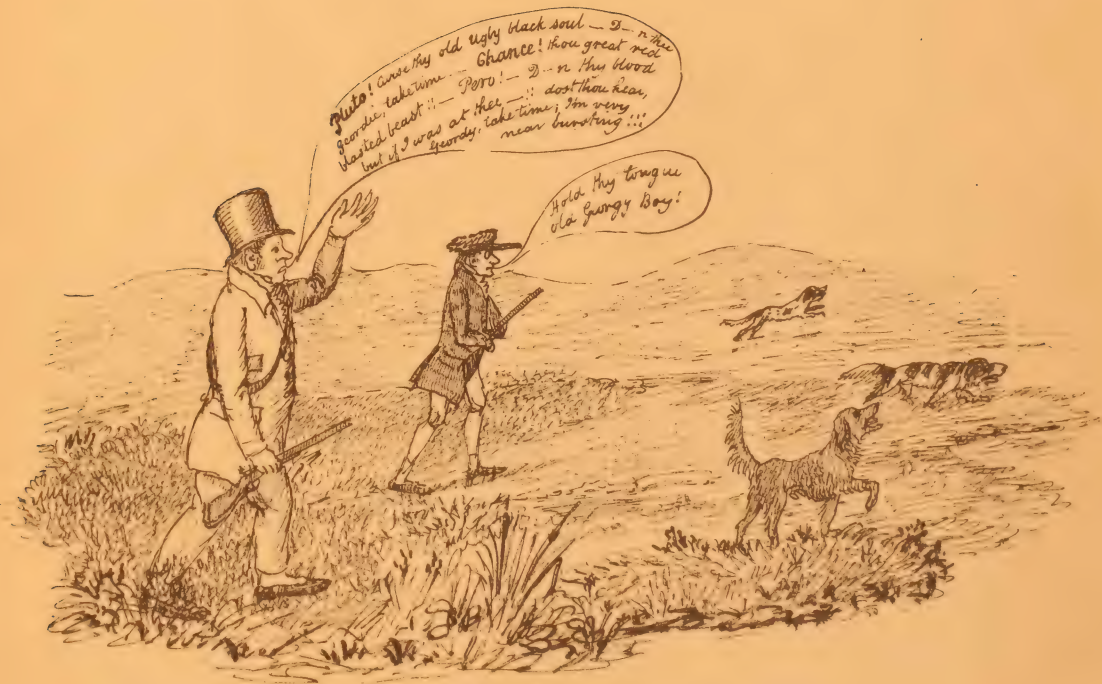




*Fire instantly, when a bird is in —
— if you hit, you have a better chance
to kill.*



when your Dogs point run up - fast as you can - lest the game rise;
and your Friend thereby lose the chance of a cool shot.



When you have occasion to speak to your dogs, adopt your language -
 Brutes capacity - its quite genteel to be heard half a mile distant, holding
 forth in this manner to your creatures.

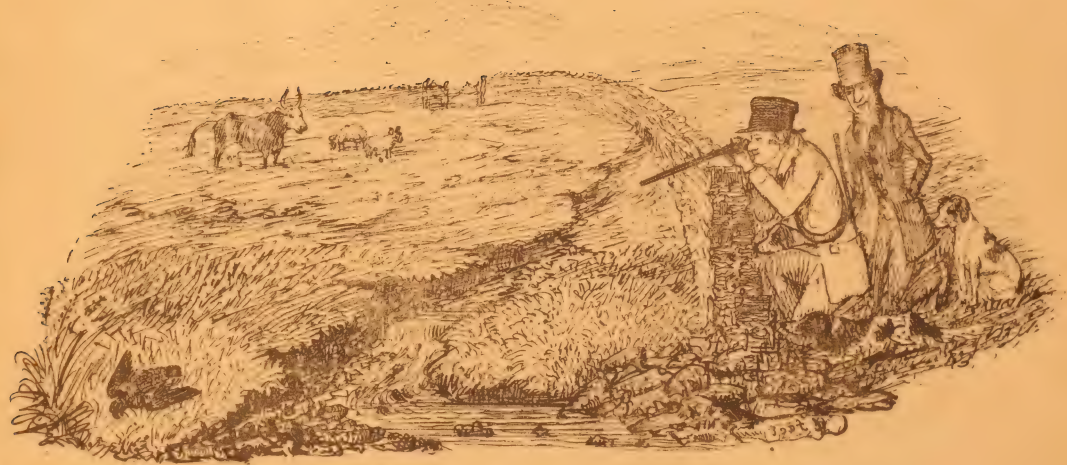


Teach your Dogs to hurt men & growl... they
will have a better secret & more mastery appearance



How TO TAKE CARE OF Y'SELF

Take care of yourself when the weather breaks—



*If you happen to hit a Bird, and have any doubt
whether killed — make sure — by taking another shot at it.*



when game is wild creep up a brook -
it is a gentlemanly manner of getting a shot.



when grouse are wild, hide under a dyke, send your people to drive
them





Avoid cattle on ye Fells



*Should your Pony not stand fire, put the Bridle
round your neck — it will secure him.*



How to cross a Bog

A Pony may be useful when crossing a bog.



When you happen to wing a Bird - -
- - - catch it - - - if you can.



How TO LOAD YE GUN

Put plenty of powder and shot in - your gun will go off
with more force, as you may feel by your left hand.



How to hit more than you wish

when you find you are doing something that makes more
you wish.



How TO KEEP YE SPIRITS UP

Be sure not to forget the penk



Don't spend your money
when you can get it free





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THE FAMOUS DOGS







